

tao-tics



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Dragonfly Bead Anecdotes

Maneki-neko

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Dragonfly Bead Anecdotes

-Maneki-neko-



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Box: Fortune Telling











THE
THING
WITH
LADY
FUJI.

THAT
DIDN'T
REALLY
COUNT AS
WORK,
DID IT?

FINE,
OKAY,
I'LL GET
IT!

NOW THAT
I CAN SAY
THAT FUJI
WAS MY FIRST
MASTER.



I
DUNNO

DO YOU
THINK THAT
WAS FOR
THE BEST,
HARUKA?

BUT IT
FEELS LIKE
THIS BLACK
HAZE INSIDE
OF ME HAS
CLEARED
AWAY.





HARUKA,
YOU...

EEEEEE!



T-T-
THAT
THING
...!!

WHAT
IS IT?



YOUKO,
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
YOUKO-
CHAN?!



WHO
COULDN'T
LEFT IT
HERE?

THAT'S
JUST
RIDICU-
LOUS.



A
MANEKI-
NEKO?!

IT'S
HUGE!

* Cat neck: Fortune

** Cat belly: 10 million yen













IT IS SAID
THAT THE
LEGENDARY
MANEKI-NEKO
SPARKLES
IN SEVEN
BRIGHT
COLORS.



ABSOLUTELY
JUST
SEE THAT
MANEKI-NEKO
IN ALL ITS
SEVEN-
COLORED
GLORY!

Woo-heel!

SUPERB!



WITH SUCH
SPLENDID
QUALITIES,
IT OUGHT TO BE
EASY FOR US TO
RECOGNIZE IT
AT A GLANCE.



AND SURELY, ITS
BLESSINGS WILL
BE JUST AS
AMAZING.

AND WITH
SO MANY
STORIES TO
GUIDE US, WE
MAY BE ABLE
TO FIND IT
RIGHT AWAY.



A
TEMPLE?

WELL
EDWARDS,
FOR MANEKI-
NEKO, SCUTO-
KJI TEMPLE
IS THE BEST
PLACE TO
START.

THEN,

„WHERE
ARE WE
HEADING
FIRST?”

...where, upon spotting a cat at the entrance that appeared to be making a beckoning gesture, he decided to stop for a rest.



During the Edo Period, Matsukata 11, the second Daimyo of Mikoto, was returning from a hunt when he passed by the front of a temple...

GOITOKUJI HAS A GREAT DEAL OF HISTORY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANEKI-NEKO.

...the head priest built it a splendid grave, and the temple began selling maneki-neko figures.



When the cat, who had contributed so much, passed away...

Immediately thereafter, up swept a sudden thunderstorm.

Having narrowly escaped that incident, Matsukata made a heavy contribution to Goitokuji, and the temple prospered.

...

„BE SOMEWHAT INDEBTED TO YOU, EVEN IF ONLY...

„FOR THE FACT THAT I CAN BE STANDING HERE, RIGHT NOW.

TO YOU WHY WOULD IT

I WONDER IF YOU'LL REPAY YOUR DEBT TO ME SOMEDAY AS WELL, HARUKA...

OH...

TRUE, I MIGHT...

WELL...



HON-
ESTLY?

I
REALLY
DON'T
KNOW.



HARUKA,
HOW DO YOU
FEEL ABOUT
HAVING
RECOVERED
YOUR FULL
YOKAI
POWER...

...AND YOUR
ABILITY TO
BECOME THE
"KOUSHI-
EYED
DEMON-EATING
TENGU"?



BUT WE
SEEM TO HAVE
ARRIVED AT
GOUTOKUJI.



PARDON
ME...

BEING
ABLE TO
USE MY
POWER
TO ITS FULL
POTENTIAL
COULD
BRING
ITS OWN
DISADVAN-
TAGES.



I COULD
HAVE
SWORN
THAT THE
ONES IN MY
COLLECTION
WERE ALL
HOLDING
KOBAN.

ALL THE
MANE-
NEKO SOLD
HERE HAVE
THEIR RIGHT
PAW RAISED.
BUT NONE
OF THEM
ARE HOLD-
ING THE
TYPICAL
KOBAN
GOIN.



IN
COMMEMOR-
ATION, I HAVE
BOUGHT A
MANE-NEKO
FIGURE!
IS IT NOT
ADORABLE?

THANK
YOU
EVER SO
MUCH!



THROUGH THAT, THE SOUTOKUJI MANEKI-NEKO ACQUIRED THIS MEANING: "BRING THE FORTUNE, BUT THE MONEY DEPENDS ON YOU."

MANY WARRIORS HELD THE SWORD-WELDING RIGHT HAND TO BE SACRED, AND CONSIDERED THE LEFT HAND TO BE WYFURE.

THAT, EDWARDS HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT SOUTOKUJI BECAME THE FAMILY TEMPLE FOR THE II CLAN.



BUT SOME ARE NOW BEING MADE IN DIFFERENT COLORS, WITH THEIR OWN SHADES OF MEANING: BLACK WARDS OFF EVIL, GOLD BRINGS PROSPERITY, AND RED BRINGS GOOD HEALTH.

INCIDENTALLY, IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR THE CATS TO BE THE TRADITIONAL THREE COLORS...

Cats raising the right paw are for welcoming buyers, while cats raising the left paw are for welcoming customers.

Sgt. Shoubyuden



OH! BUT YOU CAN BUY THINGS OTHER THAN MANEKI-NEKO HERE.

NOW WHERE COULD THAT SEVEN-COLOR MANEKI-NEKO BE?

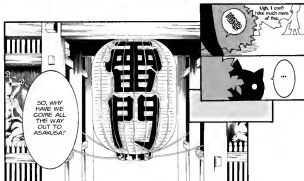
WE'LL THEN SHALL WE MOVE ON TO THE SHOUBYU-DEN?

SHOUBYU-DEN?

QUITE CORRECT, FATHER EDWARDS.

WHICH MEANS THAT A SEVEN-COLOR MANEKI-NEKO SHOULD BRING FORTUNE, EH, KANTAROU-SAN?

IT'S THE AREA DEDICATED TO THE MANEKI-NEKO.





THOSE CAT FIGURINES BECAME WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AN IWADO CERAMIC CRAFTSMAN HERE WAS THE FIRST TO PRODUCE A SEATED CAT RAISING ITS RIGHT PAW.

ASAKUSA IS WHERE THE MANEKI-NEKO FIRST BECAME POPULAR.

Spot Panel

THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME SO LEGENDARY!

IN-DEED!

CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT?!

AMAZING! WHAT A HANDY LEGEND!

LANE LEGEND

ABSOLUTELY, I USED MY REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITIES TO DETECT IT.

SO, UH, IS THIS THE PLACE?

I'M AFRAID SO. THAT'S WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH MY BODY.

IT APPEARS THAT A SPELL HAS BEEN CAST ON THESE DOORS TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING OPENED.

HARUKAAA, THAT DOOR HIT NEEDS! WAAAAH.

SHAD-DUP, CRY-BABY.

ANY-BODY THERE?







I'M
GONNA
PERSUADE
THE GOBLIN
CAT.



OH, THEN
YOU WILL TAKE
OUT THE
ENEMY USING
JAPANESE
SPELLS!

NOPE.



WELL, I
ADMIT THE
REWARDS
FOR
SUCCESS
ARE PLENTY
ATTRAC-
TIVE.

...BUT I
ALSO CAN'T
LEAVE OUR
SEVEN-
COLORED
FRIEND IN
TROUBLE.



...SHEESH,
HE'S
ALWAYS
THE
SAME.

PERSUADE
IT?



DON'T
YOU
FORGET
THAT, YOU
FAKE
PRIEST.

BUT THEN,
PERSUASION
IS HIS WAY OF
EXORCISING
YOUKAI.



OH MY!

YAKKO-CHAN!

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES, KANTAROU.



THIS IS FATHER EDWARDS. HE'S A MISSIONARY AND A WEALTHY MAN TOO.

MY!

AND WHO MIGHT THIS FOREIGN GENTLE-MAN BE?

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE EITHER, FATHER EDWARDS.



WAIT, WHERED YOU HEAR THAT, YAKKO-CHAN?

NO, SORRY, MY WORKS AS UN-PROFIT-ABLE AS EVER.



YOU'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF BUSINESS LATELY, HAVEN'T YOU? YOU REALLY NEED TO BOOK MORE PRIVATE PARTIES, AND DESIGNATE ME AS THE SEISHA!



SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN ASAKUSA?

THREE MEN ON A STROLL LOOK RATHER SUSPICIOUS.

UH, WELL...

THIS LADY IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, YAKKO-CHAN.

I AM CALLED YAKKO.

FEEL FREE TO ENGAGE MY ARTISTIC SERVICES FOR BANQUETS, DINNER PARTIES, LAUNCH EVENTS AND BIRTHDAYS!

高橋 五郎 (Takahashi Goro)



OH YOU, HASUMI, SUCH A FLIRT!



Exp!



He he, once again I'm like a flower, seduced by a beautiful fly.

FROM MISTER HASUMI! HE HAS MANY AGONY-ANCES TO ENTERTAIN, AND CALLS FOR MY SERVICES QUITE OFTEN.





NOT
ANOTHER
BURSTAGE
OF PICK-
LED!

HEY
WAIT,
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
?!



HM

THESE
PICKLES
REALLY
AREN'T
HALF
BAD.

They're
edible?!

HARUKA!



STILL, I
MUCH PREFER
THE TASTE
OF YUKO'S
PICKLED
VEGETABLES.



SO IT
WAS
YOU!

GAACK!



OH?
WHAT
IS
THIS?



OH?
OH?

SILENCE!
KNOW THE
HORROR
OF MY
TRUE
POWER!

VEN-
GEANCE?
DID YOU
DO SOME-
THING?

YOU
BASTARD!
I WILL
HAVE MY
VEN-
GEANCE!

UH,
WELL,
YOU
SEE,
L...



WHAT THE HECK? WHY'D HE GET SO...

HEH
HEH
HEH...



MY STRENGTH HAS FADED AWAY...

I JUST WANT TO LEAVE THIS LUXURIOUS PLACE AND CRAWL INTO A DIRT-CHEAP SINGLE IN A BEAT-UP ROW-HOUSE WITH BARE FLOORS AND POOR INSULATION!



THEY CAN CONSUME ONLY THE FOOD MOST SYNONYMOUS WITH POVERTY: PICKLED VEGETABLES!

HEY!! DON'T GO INSULTING PICKLE MAKERS!!

Some of them are expensive too!

THOSE 1 TOUCH ARE CURSED TO HATE ALL LUXURY AND PREFER AN IMPOVERISHED LIFESTYLE.

THEY CALL ME THE "PUNK OF POVERTY!"



ARG!



WAA HA HA! ONCE YOU FEEL MY TOUCH, YOU CAN NEVER GO BACK...

HELL TURN THE LEGENDARY DEMON-EATING TENGU INTO CHEAP TRASH!

stench



AUGH !!!

I'LL GET YOU NEXT!









I AM, THIS
MAGIC-
NEED HAS
PURSED
ME OF MY
WIFE'S
WORLDLY
DESIRE

ARE YOU
FINE WITH
THAT, ED-
WARDS?

You
really
wanted
this cat

IF HE
WISHES
TO REMAIN
HERE, I
COULD
NOT DENY
HIM THAT

I'll thank you
by flying the
don't

Punt
5/10
Punt
5/10

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH
FOR
FINDING
MY
BODY.

AFTER
BEING DE-
CEIVED BY
HIS OWN
WIFE, I
FEAR I
HAVE MUCH
YET TO
LEARN...
COULD I
STAY HERE
TO RE-
TRACE MY
SELF-
DECEIT-
FULNESS?



DON'T
YOU DO
ANYTHING
OTHER
THAN
GLITTER?!

G'RON!

Where's my
glittering?

THIS IS A
GLORIOUS
MOMENT
FOR ME!
MY SOUL
FEELS AS
THOUGH IT
HAS BEEN
CLEANS-
ED



Yahoo!
Let's
party
hearty!
Wah ha
ha ha!

SHALL WE
BEGIN THE
BANQUET?

WE
BROUGHT
FRESH
FLOORS
ALONG TO
BRIGHTEN
UP THE
PLACE,
AND SO
NOW THAT
WE ARE
ALL GATH-
ERED HERE

OH MY!
DID YOU
FIX THE
SLIDING
DOOR?



HEY..





I THINK
IT'S
MORE
GHC,
ANYWAY.



GUESS I
FEEL MUCH
THE SAME
WAY.

ALTHOUGH
MY POWERS
ARE BACK,
NOTHING'S
REALLY
CHANGED.



BUT AS FAR
BACK AS I CAN
REMEMBER,
SEEING SOME-
THING "VALUABLE"
JUST MADE ME
WANT TO USE IT
FOR FOOLISH
PURPOSES.

THROWING
PEARLS
BEFORE
SWINE IS
BASICALLY
MY HOBBY.



YOU THINK
MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE USED
MY YOKAI
POWER JUST
TO INTIMIDATE
A CAT?



I DID IT
BECAUSE
YOU SAID
TO THOUGH.

EH, YOUR
NORMAL
APPEAR-
ANCE IS IN-
TIGRATING
ENOUGH.



I NEVER
KNEW
JUST HOW
COMFORTING
THAT
COULD BE.



The
Next
Day



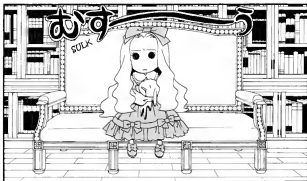


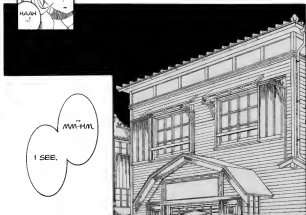


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-Rosale-



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SHE DID GO THROUGH THAT INCIDENT AT THE MINAMOTO RESIDENCE, BUT THE DOCTOR SAID THERE WASN'T ANYTHING WRONG WITH HER PHYSICALLY.

HASUMI-SENSEI, WHAT ABOUT THE REUNION TOMORROW?

YES, I'LL BE THERE.

Today was awful!

I WONDER IF ROSALIE IS GOING THROUGH A REBEL-
LIOUS PHASE?

FOR TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE, YOU HAVE.

MAYBE SHE'S MOVING-
SICK?

Ohh, my head's spinning ...

AND IT'S ABOUT TIME I START PREPARING MY THESIS.

I'm best...

NO, IT'S TOO SOON FOR HER!!

ふんふんふん

stare stare stare

IS IT POSSIBLE?

THAT MUST BE IT!!

BECAUSE SHE HAS NO FRIENDS HER OWN AGE!

Calm down~

Sensei!!

I KNOW!

I BET ROSALIE'S ACTING LIKE THIS.

HERE WE
ARE, ROSALIE.
THIS IS CALLED
A "SCHOOL."



RYOUKAN...

NOW,
NOW! PAY
ATTENTION,
ROSALIE.

DON'T
WANT
A
SCHOOL.

HMP?





* Paper on Wall clockwise from upper left: Happy Child, Old Legend, Take Care With Pins, Boys Day Doll







ARE YOU SURE?
YOU MUST WANT
FRIENDS.



SO
YOU DON'T
WANT ANY
FRIENDS?



GOOD
GRIEF, HOW
CAN WE GET
OUR PRINCESS
FEELING
BETTER?

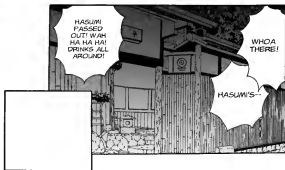


FINE,
YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
GO TO
SCHOOL
ANY
MORE.
SO,
WHAT
WOULD
YOU LIKE
ME TO
DO, RO-
SALIE?



WELL,
YOU SEE,
MR.
HASUMI,
SHE FEELS
LONE-
SOME...
WHEN-
EVER
YOU'RE
NOT
THERE
TO LOOK
AFTER
HER.





HE KINDA
COLLAPSED
AT OUR GET-
TOGETHER...

Could
I get a
hand
here?

He's
heavy

GOOD
EVENING!



RYOU-
KAN!!



HIS
BED
IS THIS
WAY!!

I'LL
FETCH
SOME
WATER!

SENSEI!!



Q~
ONCE AGAIN
I'M IN YOUR
DEBT, ICHI-
NOMIYA.

Q~
YOU
SLEEP-
AHEAD.

FEEL
FREE TO
PAY ME
BACK IN
CASH.



DON'T
WORRY,
ROSALIE.
IT'S JUST
OVERWORK.
I'LL BE
BETTER
SOON.









Doll spirits and heretics all have fickle natures. The four demons and the three persons lie on the path to enlightenment, therefore self and the Pure Land are one, united equally and indistinguishably.



Dang it--

WHAT SPELL DO I USE AGAINST A POWERFUL WESTERN MONSTER?



...THIS ONE?!



HOW ABOUT...







ON THAT
NOTE, I
HAVE A
WARNING
FOR YOU.

WHICH
IS?



LEFT
BEHIND
TO PLAY
WATCHDOGS
OVER
LITTLE
OLD ME...

MY, HOW
THE GREAT
DEMON-
EATING
TENGU HAS
FALLEN.

HMPH!



AWW, DON'T
LET'S BE
SO UN-
FRIENDLY,
HARUKA-
SAN...

GREAT
NOW GO
BACK
TO YOURS.



AN
"INSTINCT"
IS AN
ABILITY
YOU ARE
ENDOWED
WITH, OR
BECOME
ADEPT AT,
TO ENSURE
YOUR
SURVIVAL.

FOR
YOU, IT IS
"DEMON-
EATING."



I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN,
AND WHAT'S
THIS
"INSTINCT"
THING YOU
PEOPLE
KEEP
TALKING
ABOUT?

YOU
MUST NOT
FORGET
THAT, DEEP
DOWN, YOU
HAVE AN
INSTINCT
FOR
EATING
DEMONS



THAT
WOULD
BE DUE
TO KAN-
TAROU-
SAN AND
OTHERS
IN YOUR
LIFE.

HOW-
EVER.



SO,
I MIGHT
NOT EVEN
HAVE A
"DEMON-
EATING"
INSTINCT
BEFORE
LONG.

...BUT
WE KNOW
THAT I
DON'T NEED
TO BAT
DEMONS TO
SURVIVE.

COULD YOU
STILL SAY
THAT WITH
A DEMON
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
YOU?

EVEN WHEN
THERE IS NO
CHANCE OF HIS
MASTER VOICE
BLOCKING YOUR
INSTINCT?

KAN-
TAROU
WOULD
STOP
ME.

YOU
ARE SAID
TO BE THE
STRONGEST,
THE ONLY
CREATURE
DEMONS
FEAR

AND YOU
KNOW
JUST HOW
SWEET
DEMON
FLESH
CAN BE.

BY THE
WAY, I
HAVE ONE
MORE
QUES-
TION.

I AM
HONORED
TO
RECEIVE
SUCH
PRAISE.

YOU
REALLY
ARE A
TOTAL
SMT-
HEAD.

NOOOOOO!



OH

AND HARUKA,
YOU PROMISE
NOT TO
FIGHT WITH
EDWARDS!

...

SHE'S
STILL
TREMBLING,
THE POOR
THING!

EDWARDS,
DON'T COME
WITHIN A
THREE-METER
RADIUS OF
ROSA-CHAN!

ANYWAY!

THAT'S
WHY I'M
ASKING
ED-
WARDS.

WELL, IT'S
MORE
THAT I
DON'T
KNOW THE
PROPER
METHOD.

YOU MEAN
YOU CAN'T
DEFEAT THIS
"DEVIL" GUY
KANTAROU?

YEAH,
YEAH!

IS THAT
CLEAR,
EDWARDS?

OOH
YEAH! IS
EVOLUTION!



...IF HE
COULD
TEACH
ME...



YES,
SIR.





SINCE YOU HAVE FORCED IT OUT OF ME, THERE IS MUCH MORE I COULD REVEAL...





WITHIN
THE SOCIETY,
SHE WAS
KNOWN AS THE
"AUTOMATIQUE,"
TO BE
CONTROLLED
LIKE A
MECHANICAL
DOLL.



WHAT
DOES
THIS OR-
GANIZA-
TION HAVE
TO DO
WITH
ROSALIE-
CHANS
FEAR OF
YOU?



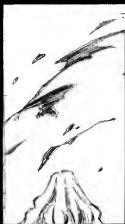
WE MADE
USE OF HER
UNIQUE ABILITY,
BEYOND THAT
OF ANY OTHER
PERSON,
TO CHANNEL
SPIRITS INTO
HER BODY.

SHE WAS
ORIGINALLY AT AN
ORPHANAGE, BUT
THE SOCIETY
ADOPTED HER
ONCE WE
REALIZED HER
GREAT PSYCHIC
POTENTIAL.



Heah...

Good...











I SEE NOW...



...BUT HE STILL HATES ME.

ROSA JUST WANTED TO MAKE UP WITH HIM...



...I WAS INVITE THAT LITTLE DEVIL IN.

BACK THEN, WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO...



WOW...

GOT IT!

OKAY, LET'S DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS YOUR FEELINGS, ROSA-CHAN!



!

HEY, PEOPLE ALWAYS GOTTA CHALLENGE THEMSELVES!



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AUUUGH!!

I READ
THIS GIRL'S
MEMORY,
AND SAW
YOUR EVIL
DEEDS...



I
DESPISE
ANYONE
WHO
BULLIES
ME/ROSA
!!



HUH,
ME?
!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
STREWED
UP MY
SUNSHINE.
TWH



OH
RIGHT,
THAT
DID
HAPPEN
A WHILE...

NOOOOOO!!



HMM,
NOT BAD.







Ha... ha ha.

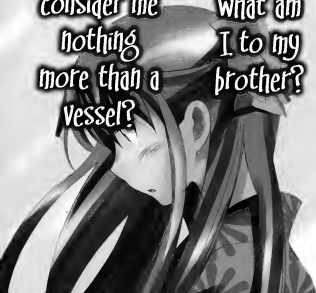




Did the
Minamoto Clan...

did Brother...
consider me
nothing
more than a
vessel?

Brother...
what am
I to my
brother?





Dragonfly Bead Anecdotes -Ayame-

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A PLACE FOR WOMEN TO SOCIALIZE, WITH NO BOYS ALLOWED

GINGA GUREN STAFF MENU

Our next first-press limited-edition supplemental novel Drama CD is "I'm Gonna Be Number One!" It takes place at Ginga Guren, the coffee house run by Raikon Minamoto that's renowned for its all-male staff, catering exclusively to women, as featured in the volume 9 special bonus manga! We're introducing all the employees with their unique pro names. Those of you who prefer the regular edition should know that this limited-edition printing is also a lot of fun, so be sure to check it out!



Our No. 1, the Captain's most eligible bachelor: Taiti (Toshikazu Matsuno)



Manager: Sugi (Kimihiko Sakata)



Owner: Shikimi Ryusetsu (Raikon Minamoto)



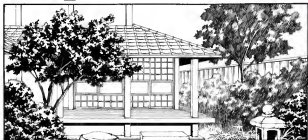
Ginga Guren's New Face: Haruka (Haruka)



Our No. 2, elegant older gentleman: Moku (Urabe)



Our No. 3, belle in drag: Chidori (Usui)



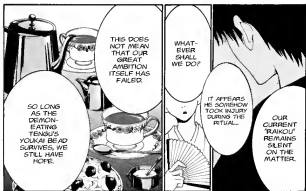
--I WAS
AFRAID
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN.





I SAID
FROM THE
BEGINNING
THAT
YOUNGSTER
WOULD--

HE HAS
BOTCHED THE
RITUAL, THE
FOOTHOLD OF
OUR MINAMOTO
CLAN'S GREAT
AMBITION FOR
GENERATIONS,
THE "DEIFICATION
OF JAPAN"



SO LONG
AS THE
DEMON-
EATING
TENDOU'S
YOKAI BEAD
SURVIVES, WE
STILL HAVE
HOPE.

THIS DOES
NOT MEAN
THAT OUR
GREAT
AMBITION
ITSELF HAS
FAILED.

WHAT-
EVER
SHALL
WE DO?

IT APPEARS
HE SOMEHOW
TOOK INJURY
DURING THE
RITUAL...

OUR
CURRENT
RAIKOU
REMAINS
SILENT
ON THE
MATTER.



WE
CANNOT
DO WITHOUT
THE CURRENT
MINAMOTO
CLAN HEAD.

AS
WELL AS HIS
HIGHNESS'S
FAVOR
TOWARDS
HIM.

MOREOVER,
CONSIDERING
HIS SPIRITUAL
POWER, ABILITY
AND INITIATIVE...









Juji Tengu Dance











"REALLY EXCITED?"
HUH.

AS A MEMBER OF THE INAKA MYSTERIOUS RESEARCH SOCIETY, I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT!







THE PURE-
HEARTED
LAPIS
YOUKAI
BUSTERS..

...ARE
ON THE
CASE!!







AT THIS POINT, I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR SOME WHITE RICE.

YOU'RE UNUSUALLY EAGER, HARUKA.

LET'S GO!

Two spirits and heretics all have Buddha nature, the four deities and the three persons lie on the path to enlightenment...

... therefore Hell and the Pure Land are one, united equally and indiscriminately.





*Scroll: Jerry's enlightenment.

The Perfection of Wisdom is the greatest mantra. The clearest mantra. The highest mantra. The unobscured mantra that removes all suffering.

This truth cannot be doubted. Speak the mantra freely, gain gain, paragate paramita gain eva! The Perfection of Wisdom Heart Sutra.



GHOSTS ARE GRISLY AND NOT THE LEAST BIT CUTE! THEY'RE SCARY!

THAT'S A LAWE REASON!

FOR A GOOD REASON!

COME ON, SENSEI, JUST TAKE A LOOK! WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF GHOSTS?!











INDEED!
♡

HE
CHEERS
UP
QUICK...

IT'LL
GO
BETTER
NEXT
TIME!

SINCE
IT'S A
YOKAI, I'LL
BE JUST
FINE!



OH!

MAYBE
BECAUSE



SO WHY
COULD
I?

DON'T
YOU LACK
SPIRITUAL
POWER?

YES.
THEY SAID I
HAVE LESS
SPIRITUAL
POWER
THAN A
NORMAL
PERSON

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
AYANE-CHAN,
HOW COULD
YOU COULD
SEE THAT
GUY?



...YOU
SWALLOWED
ONE OF MY
TEETH?

...DURING
THE
RITUAL...









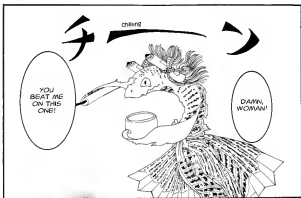
I SWEAR.

SHE HAS
THE SAME
FACE.

...BUT
THAT'S
ALL THEY
SHARE.

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IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
MIDDLE



YOU
BEAT ME
ON THIS
ONE!

DAMN,
WOMAN!



I'D SAY
THAT THIS
PRAYER
SCROLL
BELONGED
TO THE OLD
MAN WHO
RECENTLY
PASSED
AWAY.

AND WHEN
THE FAMILY
BEGAN PRE-
PARING TO RE-
BUILD THIS
HOUSE, THE
SCROLL GOT
SLATED FOR
DISPOSAL.
THAT'S WHY IT
STARTED THIS
RUCKUS.

Wow, it's
a REAL live
yousei!

Shiobara

THIS
MUST BE
THE TSUKU-
MOGAMI,
OR
ARTIFACT-
SPIRIT, OF
A PRAYER
SCROLL.

A KYOU-
RINRIN!



I BEG YOU,
VIRTUOUS
PRIESTS,
PLEASE
EXORCISE
ME NOW.

STILL,
I HAVE
FINISHED
OFFERING
SUTRAS
FOR THOSE
ANCESTORS
WHO
TREASURED
ME.



IT
TRULY IS
AS YOU
HAVE
STATED.

THIS WAS
BUT FUTILE
RESISTANCE
BY A NOW-
USELESS
PLAYER
SCROLL.



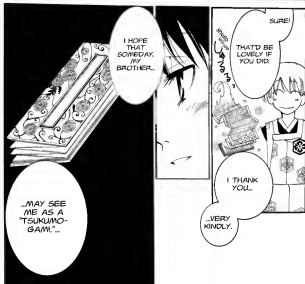
"TSUKU-
MOSAM!"



ITEMS THAT
ARE USED FOR
A VERY LONG
TIME MAY GAIN
SPIRITUAL
POWER. THEN
THEY ARE
CALLED "TSUKU-
MOSAM."

THROUGH
THE AGES, THE
JAPANESE HAVE
BELIEVED THAT
EVERY PART OF
CREATION, NO
MATTER WHAT
FORM, HOUSES
A SPIRIT.

NO
MATTER
HOW TRIVIAL
THE "THINGS"
MAY HAVE BEEN,
THIS PROVES
THAT IT WAS
WELL-LOVED.





Book: Bushido Profound Perfection of Wisdom Heart Sutra









Eeeeeeeek!



UH WAS
THAT
MEANT
TO BE A
LAUGH..?

HA HA.



IT'S
PRETTY
FUNNY
SEEMS
YOU ACT
COMPLETELY
UNLIKE
HER.

ALL THIS
TIME I
SAW YOU
AND FUJI
AS TWO
PEAS IN
A POD.

SHORT.



STAND

IT'S ALL
GERRY!! AND
STICKY!! AND
ROTTEN!!

NOT
NATTO -

HOW
CAN ANY
OF YOU
STAND
NATTO?!



LOOK,
NATTO!

EEEE-
EEK!

WOULD
YOU
RATHER
HE WERE
ANGRY?!

HARUKA-
CHAN'S
LAUGHING!

YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING,
RYO-
CHAN!

おははは
おははは
おははは
おははは

F R O M SAKURA KINOSHITA

Hello, Sakura Kinoshita here!

Thank you very much for buying tactics volume 11.

You're such a sweetie... I love you!

Right now I'm really into toy prize inserts and cosmetics. They're lots of fun.

It's going to start getting serious in the next volume. What's going to happen?!

I'm all excited!

Please look forward to it, 'kay? ♡

木下くら
Sakura Kinoshita

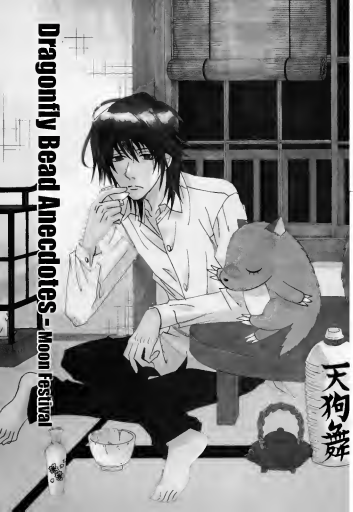
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When the young teigo said,
"Mother," the vine that had been
curled around his little finger
momentarily entwined his whole
body, and then released, as if
giving a gentle embrace.



Dragonfly Bead Anecdotes - Moon Festival



F R O M KAZUKO HIGASHIYAMA

YAY VOLUME 11!

Hello again, it's been a while. Kazuko Higashiyama here.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for picking up Tactics Volume 11!

That I've managed to draw such a long story is all thanks to our readers, staff and everyone at Mag Garden!

Please continue your kind support. ♥

For this volume we went with the concept:

"Spotlight on the Side Characters!"

It was great getting to use some of the ideas that I'd had for the side characters.

There are plenty more heart-warming episode ideas where those came from, so

I'd love to find a chance to draw them too!

I really enjoyed the Tactics Academy shorts, even if they were just exam stories this time (laugh). I did the storyboards for "Avoid the Winter Makeup Exam!" This was my first time storyboarding this kind of short for Tactics. It was a lot of fun to do, even if the experience showed me how much, much more I still have to learn.

We will be building up to the climax in volume 12, so I'm whipping myself into shape to put even more work into it. I hope that all of you will want to continue reading to see where the story goes!

KAZUKO HIGASHIYAMA





...AND YOU'RE GOING TO PERFORM THE RITUAL DANCE, HARUKA?!

SO THERE'S A FESTIVAL AT YOUR HOME ONCE EVERY HUNDRED YEARS...



OOH, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT AGAIN AFTER SO LONG!

LORD DEMON EATER DANCING BENEATH THE FULL MOON...



...ALSO DESIRES NOTHING MORE THAN TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

OUR LORD DEMON EATER'S MOTHER, THE GREAT SACRED TREE...



WAIT, SO HARUKA CAME FROM A TREE?!

HARUKA'S MOTHER ?!



THAT'S WHY I NEEDED SOME TIME OFF.

WELL, YEAH.

LORD DEMON EATER'S PRESENCE IS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.

WE'LL GO AS A TRIO!





SO,
ANYWAY...

„WHEN
IS THIS
FESTIVAL OF
YOURS?







WOW!



I'M
HOME

MOTHER



MAGNIFICENT
...!







I AM PLEASED TO MEET YOU, BROTHER.



SATORI!



WHY, SATORI-SAMA, OF COURSE!

WHO'S BEEN DANCING THE RITUAL IN THE MEANTIME?



MY SISTER...?



I WAS BORN FROM THE SACRED TREE OF THIS FOREST.

I AM SATORI.



NOW I ASK THAT YOU LEAVE RIGHT AWAY.



WE HAVEN'T MET HER BEFORE EITHER, I COULD JUST ABOUT CRY FOR JOY!

BLESS MY SOUL, IT IS LORD DEMON-EATING TENGUS HONORABLE SISTER! I EXALTED DAUGHTER OF THE SACRED TREE!

NO WAY, HARUKA HAS A LITTLE SISTER?! HI, I'M HARUKA'S MASTER, KANTAROU. LET'S BE FRIENDS!



I HAVE NOT
A SINGLE
MEMORY LIKE
THAT. DOES
THIS MEAN
THAT MOTHER
CARES MORE
FOR YOU,
BROTHER...?



MOTHER
SHOWING
KINDNESS.

WITHIN
YOUR
MEMORIES,
I SAW...



ALTHOUGH
I MAY HAVE
THIS POWER,
MOTHER WILL
NOT SPEAK
TO ME.

TO ME,
MOTHER IS
MERELY A
TREE...

...BUT NO
MORE, NOT
AFTER SEEING
THAT IMAGE
WITHIN YOUR
MIND.



IN SECRET, I
HAD LONG BEEN
YEARNING TO
MEET YOU.

"EM-
BRACED?"
BY A
TREE?"

WELL,
WITH A
BRANCH...
OR MAYBE
A VINE?"
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
ANYWAY.

I WAS
FEELING
GENTLY
HUGGED
AFTER
BEING
ALONE
ALL THIS
TIME.



IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE TIME
MOTHER
EMBRACED
ME WHEN I
WAS A
CHILD.

WHAT
SORT OF
MEMORY
WAS THAT,
HARUKA?

MOTHER
LOWERED
A BRANCH
DOWN TO
ME, AND I
GRABBED
HOLD OF
IT TO GET
BACK UP.



I HAD
FALLEN
DOWN A
CLIFF AND
COULDN'T
CLIMB
OUT.



HMM,
I GUESS
THAT
COUNTS
AS AN
EMBRACE..

ONCE I
WAS SAFE
AT THE
TOP, IT
WRAPPED
ITSELF
AROUND
MY BODY.

I WILL NOT
OPEN MY
ARMS TO
THOSE TO
WHOM I
CANNOT
BE FULLY
GRACIOUS.



AT ANY
RATE, I
CANNOT
ACCEPT
YOU AS A
BROTHER,
AND SO I ASK
THAT YOU
LEAVE.

YOU
HAVE
NO RIGHT
TO TELL
ME TO
LEAVE.



WHAT THE
HELL? I'VE
FINALLY
RETURNED
AFTER BEING
SEALED AWAY
FOR ONE
THOUSAND
YEARS.



HMPH!

Aww



I DON'T WANT A
NARROW-
MINDED
JERK FOR
MY LITTLE
SISTER.

SAME
HERE.



I CANNOT YOU HAVE
ACCEPT WOUNDED
YOU AS MY BROTHER.
ME.



LORD
DEVON
EATER, WE
HAVE A
FESTIVAL TO
PREPARE...

YES
MURDER!!



Hi ho! Hi ho!

WHAT
TO DO
FOR THE
FESTIVAL
DANCE-
ING??

TIME
TO PUT
YOUR
COS-
TUME!

WE
NEED
MORE
BOOZE!









OR WHAT
SHOULD WE DO
TO STOP THEM
FROM SENDING
OUR FOREST
FRIENDS TO
THE WRONG
PLACE?

SO, HOW BEST
TO KEEP THEM
AWAY FROM THE
SACRED TREE
UNTIL TONIGHT?

WELL,
L

BUT
YOU'RE STILL
CONCERNED
ABOUT IT,
RIGHT?
--ENOUGH TO
KEEP TABS
ON WHAT I'M
UP TO,
ANYWAY.

OH.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
SATORU-
CHAN?

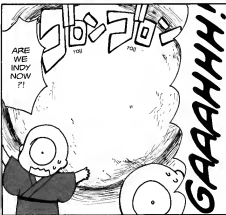
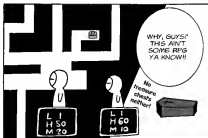
Hrmmm

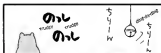
↑
Became
for
brains
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AND IT'D
BE A CRYING
SHAME
IF THOSE
GUYS GOT
THEIR WISH
GRANTED.

BROTHER IS
PERFORMING
THE RITUAL
DANCE THIS
FESTIVAL
DOES NOT
CONCERN
ME.



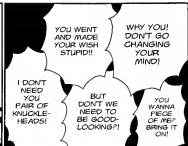








YOU GUYS
MAKE ME
FUKE, I'M
OUTTA
HERE!



YOU WENT
AND MADE
YOUR WISH
STUPID!!

WHY YOU!
DONT GO
CHANGING
YOUR
MIND!

I DONT
NEED
YOU
PAIR OF
KNUCKLE-
HEADS!

BUT
DONT WE
NEED TO
BE GOOD-
LOOKING?!

YOU
WANNA
PIECE
OF ME? BRING IT
ON!



YEAH,
IT'LL BE
FINE!

AND IT'S
ALL THANKS
TO YOU,
SATORI-
CHAN!



I LEFT
THEM
FIGHTING
AMONGST
THEM-
SELVES.

SHOULD
THAT
ENSURE
A SAFE
FESTIVAL,
KANTAROU,
SIR?



WELL
DONE,
ME!



WHA
?!

OH DEAR!
IT SEEMS
THE FESTIVAL
HAS ALREADY
BEGIN.



IT WAS INDEED
THANKS TO YOU,
SATORI-SAMA, I
MYSELF AM VERY
MOVED!

OH,
NO, I
JUST...

YOU REALLY
DO CARE SO
MUCH ABOUT
YOUR FOREST
FRIENDS!











...SATORI,
I'M SAD THAT
YOU THINK OF
MOTHER AS
JUST A TREE.



LONG
AGO, I ALSO
USED TO
THINK OF HER
AS NOTHING
BUT A TREE,
JUST AS YOU
DO NOW.



AND SO,
MOTHER...



...WHAT?



PLEASE
SHOW
SATORI
THE SAME
KINDNESS..



..THAT
YOU GAVE
TO ME.



OH,
MOTHER...

AWW, THIS
SORT OF
WISH'S NICE
TOO, FROM
TIME TO
TIME.

UHL.
N-NO
?!

YOU DIDN'T
REALLY EXPECT
THE SACRED
TREE TO
GRANT SUCH
A ~~WONDERFUL~~
WISH, NOW
DID YOU?

But what
about OUR
wish?!

HUH?

ズン!!









I'VE
LIVED WITH
MOTHER FOR
MANY YEARS,
BUT SHE'S
NEVER ONCE
PRODUCED
ANY THORNS
BEFORE...



...THEN
WE WRAP
IN A
BANDAGE,
AND NOW
WE'RE
DONE!

I'LL
GIVE YOU
FIRST-AID,
MISTER
KANTAROU.
FIRST WE
SWEAR WITH
MEDICINAL
HERBS...

OH!
THANKS!

I'm all
better now!



YIKES!

CUT MY
HAND ON
A THORN
IN HER
BARK!

JEEZ,
LOOK AT
ALL THIS
BLOOD!



I'M...
WICKED,
YOU SEE.

EH,
WELL,
CAN'T
REALLY
BLAME
HER.





はなはた! 飛空術学校

Fly Away!
Tactics
Academy



SUMMER'S HERE!! THE FINAL EXAM OF YOUTH-HOOD!!



AW, JEEZ!
THE SUMMER
EXAMS ARE
TODAY!!

WHAT'LL
I DO? I'M
SO NOT
READY!



RIGHT,
SAKATA?

OF
COURSE
I'LL BE
FINE--WE
ELITES
GET
THE TOP
SCORES
NO
MATTER
WHAT WE
DO! THAT
W/ SPOT
IS ALL
MINE!

WHO
NEEDS
CRAMMING?
NOT US!



OH MY,
YOU LOOK
AWFULLY
CALM.
MINAMOTO-
KUN!

Book: Japanese History



LOOKS
LIKE HE
PULLED
AN ALL-
NIGHTER
CRAMMING
LIKE MAD!!

He is
so far

J-H-L-P!
OH, YES, OF
COURSE
YOU'RE RIGHT,
WE DON'T
NEED TO
CRAM!! HA
HA HA HA
HA HA!





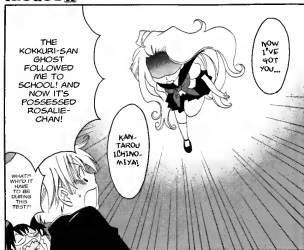


"Kokuri-san" is a Dimple-like game.



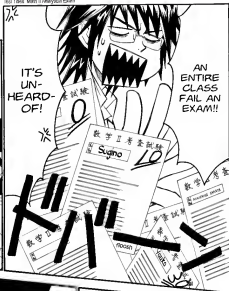








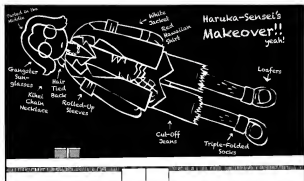














YOU
DID ASK
NICELY WHEN
YOU TOLD
ME TO DO
THIS, BUT...

WHAT
THE HECK
WERE YOU
THINKING?

shhmk

What the heck were we thinking?!

SEE YOU
LATER,
HARUKA-
SENSEI!!

whoooo

AUGH!

ACK!

!

SHEESH,
JUST QUIT THIS
MESSING AROUND,
AND STUD--

TARGET
SIGHTED!!





